

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendment to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now allowable over the McKee reference, as the claims are now distinguished from an “L” shaped configuration.

Additionally, with regard to the Examiner’s assertions regarding “inherency” of the housing in McKee, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant notes that “inherency” requires the claimed feature to be “necessarily present” in the disclosure. In fact, even if there were only two options in the reference (i.e. with or without a housing), this is insufficient to establish “inherency.” Thus, the Examiner’s rejection, in this regard, fails.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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